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SUBJECT: LESOTHO MOHAIR: INCLUSION ON US GENERALIZED
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

REFS:A STATE 210042, B) 77 STATE 222387, C) GABORONE
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1. TITLE V OF THE 1974 US TRADE ACT WHICH ESTABLISHED
THE US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES SPECIFICALLY
EXCLUDED FROM THE GSP SCHEME AS IMPORT-SENSITIVE
"TEXTILE AND APPAREL ARTICLES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO
TEXTILE AGREEMENTS." THIS EXCLUSION HAS GENERALLY
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BEEN CONSIDERED TO APPLY TO ALL TEXTILE TSUS ITEMS
SUBJECT TO IMPORT RESTRAINTS UNDER ANY BILATERAL
TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

2. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO CLASSIFY PRECISELY
THE ITEMS DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL, IT APPEARS THAT MOHAIR
YARN OVER 3 INCHES IN LENGTH PROBABLY WOULD BE

CLASSIFIED UNDER TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES
(TSUS) 307.64 AND THAT THE MOHAIR TAPESTRIES WOULD
FALL UNDER TSUS 364.20 AND TSUS 364.22. ALL ITEMS
CLASSIFIED IN THESE TSUS NUMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO
IMPORT RESTRAINTS UNDER BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

AND THEREFORE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE PRESENTLY ELIGIBLE
FOR INCLUSION ON THE GSP DUTY-FREE LIST. FOR MORE
EXACT CLASSIFICATION, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY
TO SEND SAMPLES TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS.

3. THE INTERAGENCY TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE
HOWEVER IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING CERTAIN HANDICRAFT
AND FOLKLORE TEXTILE ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN THE GSP
DUTY-FREE LIST BUT DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE AS TO
WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LEGAL CONSTRAINTS
OF THE 1974 TRADE ACT AND BILATERAL TEXTILE RESTRAINT
AGREEMENTS TO ADD THESE (HAND MADE AND/OR TRADITIONAL)
ITEMS TO GSP.

4. CONSEQUENTLY, SHOULD GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO DESIRE
TO FILE A PETITION REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY TRADE
POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE (TPSC) TO CONSIDER ADDING
CERTAIN MOHAIR ITEMS OF A FOLKLORE OR HANDICRAFT
NATURE TO US GSP LIST, EMBASSY SHOULD FURNISH GOL WITH
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF A AND B. COMPLETION
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OF FORMALITIES BY GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO IN CONFORMITY
WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS DISCUSSED IN REFTELS
WOULD ENSURE THAT LESOTHO PETITION WOULD RECEIVE
SERIOUS INTERAGENCY REVIEW. DURING THE REVIEW
PROCESS, TPSC WOULD CONSIDER POINTS RAISED BY EMBASSY
IN REFTEL AS REASONS TO GRANT GSP STATUS TO LESOTHO
MOHAIR ARTICLES. VANCE

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